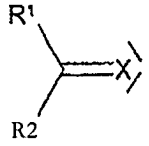
**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 4 through 5, with the following amended paragraph:

> The applications cited in the preceding paragraphs are hereby ~~considered to be part of the application~~ incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 9, line 27:

The matrix material present in the above-described mixtures is at least one compound of the formula (1)




formula (1)

where the symbols are each defined as follows:

X is 0;

$R^1$, $R^2$ is the same or different at each instance and is an aromatic or heteroaromatic system having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms may be replaced by F, CI, Br, 1, and which may be substituted by one or more R radicals, and a plurality of substituents $R^1$ and/or $R^1$, $R^2$, either on the same ring or on the two different rings, may together in turn form a further mono- or polycyclic, aliphatic or aromatic ring system; with the proviso that R1 = R2 and is not hydrogen;

R is the same or different at each instance and is H, CN, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl, alkoxy or alkylamino group having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, in which one or more nonadjacent $CH_2$ groups may be replaced by $-R^4C=CR^4-$, C=O, C=S, C=Se, $C=NR^4$, -O-, -S-, $-NR^5-$ or $-CONR^6-$, and in which one or more hydrogen atoms may be replaced by F, CI, Br, I;

$R^4$, $R^5$, $R^6$ are the same or different at each instance and are H or an aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms.